

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AGENDA**

**Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**June 19, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

****As AMENDED***

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Dahlonega Gold Museum Reduced Hours of Operation
- City of Dahlonega Right of Entry & Easement Agreement
- **Georgia Work Ready Program*

IV. ADJOURN

Chairman Raber

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

June 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. in the main conference room at the Lumpkin County Courthouse. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stowers requested that the agenda be amended to include discussion of the Georgia Work Ready Program to follow the Right of Easement item.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the agenda as amended. This motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Dahlonega Gold Museum Reduced Hours of Operation

There was considerable discussion concerning this matter. A new group has been formed to raise funds that will be used mostly for training volunteers to keep the Gold Museum open.

Concerns were expressed regarding the legality of the county giving money to charities. We are required to show a record of how this money benefits the community to a dollar amount equivalent to the donation.

The County Manager pointed out that we are excluding organizations within our budget that did not have contracts with us and we have also cut department budgets. He said he is concerned about the signal we send if we give money to another charity and how this will be perceived.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to take this matter back to the newly formed committee, to encourage them to raise money within the community to keep the museum open, and to delay any action by the board for 30 days to determine what the committee is going to do. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

City of Dahlonega Right of Entry & Easement Agreement

The County and City have agreed for the consideration of \$39,330.00 to permit the location and installation of a City sewer line on the County Judicial Center property. This negotiated Right of Entry and Easement Agreement allows the City of Dahlonega to enter and install the utility lines on County property along Riley Road.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to accept the negotiated agreement which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Georgia Work Ready Program

Commissioner Stowers said we are the only county in North Georgia that has not gotten involved in this program. He and Commissioner Bowden will pursue this with the Lumpkin County Development Authority.

COMMENTS

The County Manager said plans are moving forward for the board retreat on July 22, 2009.

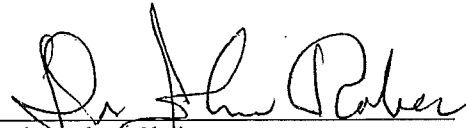
Commissioner Stowers reminded everyone about the Car Show taking place at Advance Auto on Saturday, June 20. Proceeds of this Auto Show go towards the matching funds needed for the new ambulance. The Timken Foundation is offering \$50,000.00 provided this matching amount is raised by the community.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved that the board send the message that the county wants the Gold Museum open every day. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*


ADJOURN

***Motion:** There being no further business Commissioner Stowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.*

6/25/2009
Date


John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Kathleen C. Walker
Deputy Clerk, Lumpkin County